

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

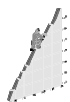
1996-97 Strategic Plan

Mission



The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) conducts objective performance audits, program evaluations, special studies, and sunset reviews on behalf of the legislature and the citizens of the state of Washington. The committee makes recommendations to the legislature and state agencies that should result in cost savings and/or improved performance in state government.

Goal



To ensure the mission of the committee is successfully achieved through the JLARC work program and committee actions, and through effectively communicating on JLARC matters and following up on committee recommendations.

Vision



Our vision is to be a proactive committee whose work is an integral part of legislative oversight of state government and recognized as useful. JLARC recommendations have significant policy, accountability, and program and fiscal implications. Besides providing direction and oversight of JLARC reviews, JLARC members are educators, focal points, facilitators, and conduits of JLARC work.

Objectives



IMPACTS AND STANDARDS

1. Ensure the work of the JLARC is responsive and useful to the legislature's priorities (and the public's interest) by making timely and substantive recommendations based on independent research.

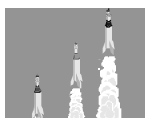
ACCOUNTABILITY

2. Implement JLARC policies and protocols that allow for accountability of the JLARC to the legislature (and the public).

COMMUNICATIONS

3. Increase participation of JLARC members and interest among legislators in JLARC work.

Strategies



OBJECTIVE 1: IMPACTS AND STANDARDS

- ♦ Carefully assess study requests
- ♦ Ensure study results are used
- ♦ Meet auditing standards

OBJECTIVE 2: ACCOUNTABILITY

- ♦ Track and report study impacts
- ♦ Conduct evaluation of JLARC
- ♦ Develop '97-99 work program and request budget to meet performance audit and other mandates
- ♦ Conduct peer review of office

Objective 3: COMMUNICATIONS

- ♦ Assess value of publications, presentations, orientations, and other communications
- ♦ Use member advisory groups for major studies
- ♦ Encourage opportunities to share study results

Performance Measures

MEASURES (#/PERCENTAGE):

- Studies meet JLARC criteria
- Recommendations adopted and savings generated
- Performance improvements and follow-up actions
- Conformance to standards/project management system

MEASURES (#/RATING):

- Legislative communications (newsletters, briefings, and other contacts)
- Feedback from legislature (survey results)
- Compliance with legislative mandates
- Results of peer review

MEASURES (#/FEEDBACK):

- Frequency and types of legislative communications
- Participation in advisory groups/committee activities
- Briefings and hearings on studies